Counter guarantees for power projects

1035. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN : will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) which are the power projects where the counter guarantee is sanctioned by Government ;

(b) what are the reasons for sanctioning such counter guarantee;

(c) whether Government have stopped sanctioning counter guarantees to future power projects ; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Government of India counter guarantee to Government of Maharashtra guarantee for MSEB's payment obligations to the Dabhol Power Project of Maharashtra has been sanctioned.

(b) To instill confidence in the private investors on the private power policy, it was decided, in principle, to extend GOI counter guarantees to the 8 out of 9 initial projects cleared from foreign investment angle.

(c) and (d) Since GOI counter guarantee is envisaged only as a temporary measure to boost the private investment in the power sector, no other power project would be extended GOI counter guarantee now.

Cut in Power Supply to SEBs by NHPC

1036. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA :
DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government hav e ut ahorised the NHPC to cut power supply to the defaulting State Electricity Boards ;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ; and

(c) what are the implications involved and its likely affect on the functioning of the SEBs ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) : (a) and (b) The allocation of power to various States/Union Territories from the Power Station of NHPC is, interalia, subject to the condition that in case of failure of the beneficiary to ensure timely payment, NHPC may shut off or restrict power supply to it and advise the concerned Regional Electricity Board to reallocate the surplus power to the other beneficiaries.

(c) The decision has been taken keeping in view the mounting outstanding dues owed by State Electricity Boards to the Central Sector power generating companies and the need to ensure the commercial viability of these companies. It is expected that this would pursuade the State Electricity Boards to effecively discharge their payment obligations on account of the power supply received from the Central generating stations.

Diesel-based Power Plant in Gujarat

1037. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration to set up diesel-based power plant in Gujarat in the near future ;

(b) if so, the details there of together with the investment involved; and

(c) the time by when the work is likely to be started ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) No proposal has been received in the Central Electricity Authority for a diesel based power plant in Gujarat.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

गुजरात में विद्युत क्षेत्र में विदेशी/गैर सरकारी निवेश

1038. **श्रीमती आनंदीबेन जेठाभाई पटेल :** क्या विद्युत मंत्री यह बताने की करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने गुजरात में विद्युत क्षेत्र में विदेशी/गैर-सरकारी निवेशकों को स्वीकृति देने हेतु प्रस्ताव को मंजूरी प्रदान कर दी है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान ऐसे कितने निवेशकों को विद्युत क्षेत्र में प्रवेश की मंजूरी प्रदान की गई है ;

(ग) क्या सरकार द्वारा स्वीकृत की गई विद्युत परियोजनाओं पर कार्य आरंभ हो गया है ;

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ;

(ङ) इन परियोजनाओं पर कब तक कार्य प्रारम्भ हो जाने की संभावना है और इनकी अनुमानित कुल विद्युत उत्पादन क्षमता कितनी है ; और

(च) ये प्रस्तावित परियोजनायें राज्य के किन-किन जिलों में स्थापित किये जाने की संभावना है और तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ?

विद्युत मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी० वी० रंगैया नायडू) : (क) से (च) गुजरात पावर कारपोरेशन लि० (जि० पी०सी०एल०) ने सूचित किया है कि पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान पगुथन (जिला भरुच) में 655 मेगावाट की विद्युत परियोजना और मंगरौल (सूरत) में 250 मैगावाट लिगनाइट आधारित विद्युत परियोजना का क्रियान्वयन क्रमश: मैसर्स गुजरात टोरंट एनर्जी कारपोरेशन (जी०टी०ई०एल०) और गुजरात इंडस्ट्रियल पावर कारपोरेशन लि० (जी० आई० पी०सी०एल०) को निजी क्षेत्र में निष्पादन के लिए सौंप दिया गया है । जी०टी०ई०सी० का प्रस्ताव केन्द्रीय विद्युत प्राधिकरण द्वारा कुछ शर्तों के अधीन तकनीकी-आर्थिक दृष्टि से स्वीकृत कर दिया गया है ।

जी०पी०सी०एल० ने सूचित किया है कि पगुथन विद्युत परियोजना और मंगरोल में लिग्नाइट आधारित विद्युत परियोजना के क्रमश: नवम्बर, 1996 और मार्च, 1999 तक पूरी हो जाने की संभावना है ।

Power Shortage in Gujarat

1039. SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) the extent of shortage of power being faced by Gujarat at present ;

(b) what is the annual transmission losses suffered by that State ;

(c) whether Government have provided any financial assistance to that State for modernisation of transmission system ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) During the period April' 1994—October, 1994, the energy shortage in Gujarat was 3.4%.

(b) The annual transmission and distribution losses suffered by Gujarat during 1992-93 was 22.20%.

(c) and (d) Power distribution falls within the perview of SEB/